

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-10 and 16-20.

11. (Original) A skeleton drum around which a sheet can be wound and fixed, the drum comprising:

(a) a rotating shaft;

(B) a plurality of wide cylindrical supports, each support having a support surface for supporting the sheet and being arranged so as to be coaxial with the rotating shaft such that an interval, which is smaller than a width of the each support, is formed between the supports; and

(C) a plurality of chucks for pressing a leading edge and a trailing edge of the sheet toward the rotating shaft.

12. (Original) The drum of claim 11, wherein the drum is for fixing the sheet when the sheet is to be scan-exposed.

13. (Original) The drum of claim 11, wherein the support surface of each support is disposed on an imaginary cylindrical surface coaxial with the rotating shaft.

14. (Original) The drum of claim 11, wherein the support surface of each support extends around a periphery of the drum.

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15. (Original) The drum of claim 11, wherein the chucks include a leading edge chuck for pressing the leading edge of the sheet, and a trailing edge chuck for pressing the trailing edge of the sheet.